### Jigsaw

The **jigsaw method** is a cooperative structure that holds each student accountable for the success of his or her group.

* Students are divided into base groups of about 4 students..
* Students count off (1, 2, 3, 4 etc.)
* The students then meet with the same number from the other groups- 4s, 3s, 2s, 1s, to form an expert group.
* The job of the expert group is to study a particular area of the content and then meet back with their base groups to teach that content to the base groups. The group may be asked to read a text that they will in turn share with other members of their base groups. They may also be asked to bring the research results from the expert group back to the base group to share.
* By doing this type of sharing, each student fits the pieces of knowledge and concepts together until the puzzle has been put together.
* Because “experts” are teaching each other important class material, it illuminates the necessity of all students reading/researching all areas – a great time saver!!

This process fosters shared responsibility for learning. Everyone has the chance to participate in their group and benefits from the dialogue with all learners in their groups.